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RE LITTLE ROCK TELS TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTYONE LAST.

MRS. PHYLLIS AND LONG, THREE TWO SIX EIGHT POWELL, MEMPHIS,

TENN., AN ORDER CLERK EMPLOYED BY SHULTON - OLD SPICE, MEMPHIS, ADVISED THIS DATE SHE HAS KNOWN JAY OGLESBY, A FRIEND OF HER SISTER-IN-LAW, RUTH WHICHARD, SINCE MARCH TWENTYSEVEN LAST.

OGLESBY HAS VISITED LONG'S RESIDENCE ON ABOUT SIX OCCASIONS
BUT THE ONLY TIME THAT HE WAS AT THE RESIDENCE DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS WAS ON THURSDAY, APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST, WHEN HE BROUGHT WHICHARD TO THE RESIDENCE AT ABOUT FOUR PM AND HE IMMEDIATELY DEPARTED TO WORK AT WREC STATION IN PEABODY HOTELAND.

SHE STATED THAT OGLESBY DEFINITELY WAS NOT AT HER HOUSE ON THURSDAY, APRIL FOUR LAST; HE HAS NEVER DISPLAYED ANY MONEY

IN HER PRESENCE AND HAS NEVER TALKED, ABOUT OF DISPLAYED ANY 25 1968
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LONG DOES NOT KNOW OF ANY ARGUMENTS BETWEEN OGLESBY AND WHICHARD BUT ON APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST WHICHARD WAS AT LONG'S

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RESIDENCE UNTIL ABOUT MIDNIGHT WHEN SHE WENT ALONE TO A PARTY
AT THE PEABODY HOTEL. AT ABOUT ONE THIRTY AM ON APRIL NINETEEN
LAST OGLESBY APPEARED AT LONG'S RESIDENCE LOCKING FOR WHICHARD
STATING HE HAD COME TO MEET WHICHARD AT WHICHARD'S REQUEST.
AFTER WAITING UNTIL THREE AM FOR WHICHARD TO RETURN TO RESIDENCE
OGLESBY DEPARTED STATING HE HAD TO MAKE PHONE CALL.

SOMETIME DURING APRIL NINETEEN LAST AFTER RETURNING TO THE LONG RESIDENCE WHICHARD ADVISED LONG THAT WHILE SHE WAS IN THE COMPANY OF THE PERSON AT THE PARTY SHE OBSERVED AND IN TURN WAS OBSERVED BY OGLESBY WHILE SHE AND FRIEND WERE GOING TO A PANCAKE HOUSE AND RETURNING TO THE PEABODY HOTEL. ON APRIL EIGHTEEN AND IWENTY LAST WHICHARD ADVISED LONG OF A NUMBER OF EVENTS THAT OCCURRED AT OGLESBY'S TRAILER AT WEST MEMPHIS, ARK., INCLUDING THE FACT THAT FBI AGENTS ALLEGEDLY APPEARED AT THE TRAILER AND THAT OGLESBY HAD BURNED SOME BEER CANS THAT WHICHARD HAD PREVIOUSLY THROWN IN THE TRASH. ACCORDING TO LONG, WHICHARD ALSO MENTIONED THE FACT THAT OGLESBY HAD A LARGE NUMBER OF WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION IN HIS TRAILER BUT REMARKED THAT HE WAS END PAGE TWO

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MAINTAINING THESE ITEMS FOR HIS OWN SAFETY IN THE EVENT OF ANOTHER RIOT.

MRS. LONG STATED THAT SHE DID NOT PAY TOO MUCH ATTENTION TO THE INFORMATION BEING FURNISHED TO HER BY WHICHARD AND FINALLY PLACED WHICHARD ON A DELTA FLIGHT AT THE METROPOLITAN AIRPORT IN MEMPHIS AT EIGHT FIFTEEN PM ON APRIL TWENTY LAST WHICH WAS TO RETURN WHICHARD TO LITTLE ROCK. ARK.

LONG CLAIMS THAT ON APRIL TWENTY LAST WHICHARD STATED THAT SHE WAS GOING TO THE FBI WITH HER SUSPICIONS CONCERNING OBLESBY POSSIBLY BEING INVOLVED IN THE DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. LONG STATED SHE DEFINITELY DID NOT SUGGEST THAT WHICHARD GO TO THE FBI AND IN FACT, ATTEMPTED TO DISSUADE HER FROM DOING SO AS IN LONG'S OPINION WHICHARD DID NOT POSSESS ANY BASIC FACTUAL INFO THAT COULD POSSIBLY INVOLVE OGLESBY IN THE KING KILLING.

MRS. LONG ADVISED THAT WHICHARD HAS NEVER BEEN UNTRUTHFUL
TO HER IN THE PAST AND THEREFORE SHE CAN OFFER NO POSSIBLE REASON
FOR WHICHARD GOING TO THE FBI WITH ANY STORY POSSIBLY INVOLVING
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OGLESBY IN THIS MATTER.

LITTLE ROCK IS REQUESTED TO REINTERVIEW WHICHARD CONCERNING THE INCONSISTENCIES IN HER STORY AND THE STORY FURNISHED BY LONG AND/OR INTERVIEW OGLESBY TO RESOLVE THIS MATTER.

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FROM: CLEVELAND (44-765)

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RE CINCINNATI TEL FOUR TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT.

MRS. GERALD LOCKER, NEE CORNETTE, TOLEDO, OHIO, MOTHER OF MILLIE MARIER HUFF STATES SUBJECT NOT RELATED TO HER FAMILY BY BLOOD OR MARRIAGE AND SUBJECTS PHOTO NOT FAMILAR TO HER OR HER PRESENT HUSBAND,

MILLIE MARIE HUFF AND BROTHER PETE HUFF, ON FISHING TRIP AT UNKNOWN LOCATION TODAY BUT SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOUR TWENTYTWO, NEXT.

AUGIE HUFF NOW RESIDING AT UNKNOWN LOCATION IN KINGSPORT, TENN.

STEWART HUFF, FATHER OF MILLIE MARIE HUFF DIED IN NINETEEN FIFTYWO.

MRS. LOCKER BELIEVES MANCEL VERNON PAYNE, FORMER HUSBAND OF MILLIE

MARIE HUFF, IS REFERRING TO JAMES EARL HARRIS WHO WAS IN TOLEDO DUR
ING NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT- FIFTYNINE AND POSSIBLY KNOWN TO PAYNE.

HARRIS W/M, ABOUT TWENTYSIX YRS. OLD, IS NOT RELATED TO HUFF FAMILY

BUT WAS FRIENDLY WITH THEM IN THE PAST. HARRIS NOW RESIDES LINKNOWN

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TODAY, SANDRA JEAN SELLERS, YELLOW

SPRINGS, OHIO, ADVISED HER FORMER HUSBAND, JEMES

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ANNISTON, ALA., LIVING ONE EIGHT ZERO BUCKINGHAM

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AS OF APRIL TWELVE, LAST.

SANDRA ADVISED JAMES ACCOMPANIED BY HIS BROTHER, BILLE RAY SELLERS, W/M, AGE EIGHTEEN. BOTH SELLERS FORMERLY RESIDED AT GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, WHERE JAMES EMPLOYED AS FURNITURE FINISHER FOR POOL TABLE MANUFACTURER.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, BANK REPOSSESSED JAMES'
NINETEEN SIXTY THUNDERBIRD AUTOMOBILE DURING
OCTOBER, SIXTY-SEVEN, AT REDWOOD CITE, CALIFORNIA.

SANDRA ADVISES JAMES' ASSOCIATES UNKNOWN TO HER, CLAIMS SHE DOES NOT KNOW ANY JOHN WILLARD, AND SUBJECT UNKNOWN TO HER.

SELLERS ADDITIONALLY DESCRIBED FROM

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, FIRE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYMENT

APPLICATION DATED FEB. FIFTEEN, SIXTY-SIX, AS

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JAMES SHIRL SELLERS, RE ASSOCIATE JOHN WILLARD AND

DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT WILLARD IDENTICAL TO

SUBJECT, FUGITIVE.

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CINCINNATI ENDEAVOR TO IDENTIFY THROUGH DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND THROUGH LICENSE PLATES. THESE INDIVIDUALS AND DETERMINE IF THEY HAVE ANY CONNECTION WITH INSTANT CASE.

BUREAU MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM SHOULD BE ADVISED OF ANY POSITIVE INFORMATION.

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RE SF TEL FOUR TWENTY TWO LAST.

LARRY KAY, BROTHER OF JAMES EARL RAY,

ON APRIL TWO TWO, LAST, MRS. CHARLES BY TERRY, MANAGER, ONE FOUR SIX ZERO SUTTER ST., SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED ONE JOHN RAY RESIDED IN APARTMENT FIVE FROM JULY TWO THREE, LAST, TO AUGUST FIFTEEN. LAST, BUT HAD PAID RENT UNTIL AUGUST THREE ONE. LAST. AND DID NOT REQUEST RENT REFUND. **FX-115** REC 10

TERRY STATES RAY INDICATED HE CAME TO SAN FRANCISCO FROM ST. LOUIS, NOT EMPLOYED WHILE LIVING IN SAN FRANCISCO, SPENT MOST OF THE TIME IN HIS APARTMENT. AT THE TIME HE MOVED HE STATED HEARAS 5 1968 GOING TO LOS ANGELES. CALIFORNIA. TO LOOK FOR A TAVERN TO BUY UNSUCCESSFUL THERE. HE WOULD GO TO RENO, NEVADA, TO LOOK FOR A TAVERN TERRY STAMED RAY HAD NO FRIENDS OR ASSOCIATES, NO VISITORS, TO BUY. RECEIVED NO PHONE CALLS OR LETTERS. TERRY STATED JOHN RAY HAD AUTOMOBILE BUT UNABLE TO DESCRIBE IT. CHARLES F. TERRY, HUSBAND, STATED RAY SEEMED SLIGHTLY EFFEMINATE IN HIS MANNERISM AND WONDERED IF HE MIGHT HAVE HOMOSEXUAL TENDANCIES. TERRY STATED RAY WOULD HAVE MADE Deleted Copy Sent John Law Ray

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April 15, 1968

Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Investigation Constitution Ave. between Ninth and Tenth Streets. Sir: Washington, D.C. 20530

The attached communication is sent for your consideration.

Please investigate the statements contained therein and forward me the necessary information for reply, returning the enclosed correspondence with your answer.

Yours truly,

WENDELL WYATT, M. C.

1227 Longworth House
Office Building

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Wm J. Palmer Rt 2 Box 104A Portland, Ore 97231 April /9/ 1968

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Sir I may be nuts, but I think that the F.B.I. should check the T.V. KGW Channel 8 N.B.C. live T.V. re-run from 12 noon to about 2 PM Portland Ore, (time) or about the time of the break up of Kings second casket move!

I saw two men setting on chairs laughing but no one else was, they were both white men, but the main reason I remember them is the stupid silly smile on the tall slim man which fits the description that I read about later to-night in our newspaper, I'm not trying to be smart or anything but I think that they should check that re-run of the live T. V. because the man on the right, of the slim man ducked his head down when he saw that he might be on the T. V. picture

I'm not trying to side track our FBI or any one but I can't forget that stupid silly smile, that the one tall slim man had.

Respectfully Yours

Wm J Palmer

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* * * * * Mexicans Hunting

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UPI) — The assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. may have fled the country. The FBI has asked Mexican authorities to aid in the search.

A police spokesman in Mexico City said a drawing of the suspect, a composite of descriptions by persons who saw the white sniper in the Memphis rooming house from where King was shot, has been distributed throughout Mexico and at border crossing points.

THE MEXICAN spokesman refused to divulge any further

information.
"There is an investigation

going on; that is all we can say," he said.
U.S. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark, in Washington, said the "trail has lengthened" since Friday, the day after King K.6. Slumped to his death on a motel balcony with a gaping rifle bullet wound in his neck.

The FBI has "one man on the run," Clark said. "We have a name, but whether it is the right name remains to THE be seen.

"WE HOPE he'll be under on The arrest quite soon. The focus is sharpening and we are quite close, we think, but that de-pends on how some of the leads we have develop," Clark This

The assassin was described by the landlady who rented Silly him a room on the day of the SMILLY slaying as a man with a sharp nose, square chin, black hair receding on the sides, and "a silly smile." He is about 6 feet fall and 26 to 32 years old, witnesses said.

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The man on T.V. He looked just like this silly smile and all

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Honorable Wendell Wyatt - COPIES MADE House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515 OR REVIEW AT PBING AND/UR DELIVE TO HSUA RE REQUEST DATED 5737 (SEE BUFILE 62-117290) My dear Congressman:

Your communications of April 15th and 17th, with enclosures, have been received. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in making the information you received from Mr. William J. Palmer of Portland, Oregon, available to me.

The matter referred to by your constituent has been considered and you may be sure that the investigation of the slaying of Martin Luther King is being handled with the highest degree of thoroughness and dispatch.

The enclosures you forwarded are being returned as requested.

Sincerely yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: We have maintained cordial relations with Congressman Wyatt, a former Special Agent who EOD 8-25-41 and resigned 6-29-42 to enter military service. Bufiles contain no record identifiable with William J. Palmer. The three enclosures from Congressman Wyatt are a letter

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Honorable Wendell Wyatt

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dated April 9th from William J. Palmer stating he saw two men on television laughing during the funeral of King, one of whom he felt fit the description of King's slayer; a newspaper clipping concerning the King marder and an envelope containing Palmer's note which he later apparently put in his letter to the Congressman. Palmer indicated we should review the TV film he refers to. Givil Rights Section has advised this action has already been taken.

WENDELL WYATT
FIRST DISTRICT
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1038 S.E. McLoughlin Blvd. MLWAUKIE, OREGON 97222 Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, D. C. COMMITTEE; INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS

LONGWORTH HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

April 17, 1968

Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Department of Justice Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are additional notes received from Mr. William J. Palmer of Portland, Oregon, which will supplement my letter to you of April 15th enclosing letter from Mr. Palmer regarding the Channel 8 KGW program he observed.

Wery truly yours,

Wendell Wyatt Member of Congress

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STARBOIN ADVISED THAT THE COUNTERMAN HAD GRAY HAIR. CREWCUT, FIVE FEET TEN, ONE SEVENTYFIVE POUNDS

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